

Science Traceability Matrix

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Science Goal	Measurement Objective	Measurement Requirement	Instrument	Instrument Requirement	Data Product	Mission Requirement
<p><i>The specific science questions the mission intends to answer.</i></p> <p>Determine the epoch (era) of formation of Psyche by measuring the relative ages of regions of its surface.</p>	<p><i>What would need to happen during the mission to accomplish the measurement objective (and therefore the science objective)</i></p> <p>Count and measure the number and size of craters larger than 1 kilometer and larger than 1 meter.</p>	<p><i>What the measurement must include in terms of content, precision, quality.</i></p> <p>Map 50% of the surface at 200 meter-per-pixel resolution or better (this means that one pixel of an image would see something about as large as two football fields, end-to-end). Map 30% of the surface at 20 meter-per-pixel resolution or better (this means that one pixel of an image would see something about as small as a semi-truck). For each resolution the area must be continuous and not in separate patches of images.</p>	<p><i>What instrument would be needed to carry out the measurement.</i></p> <p>Imager</p>	<p><i>How and how well the instrument would need to perform.</i></p> <p>Spectral Range: A clear filter for topography and crater counting with a wavelength of 540 (280 FWHM, or Full-Width at Half-Maximum, which is a measurement of width)</p> <p>Spatial Resolution: 20 meter-per-pixel resolution for crater age determination and topography.</p> <p>IFOV (Instantaneous Field of View, a measure of spatial resolution) of 50 microradians; FOV (Field of View, a measure of the area seen by the imager at any given time) of 4.6 x 3.4 degrees.</p>	<p><i>What will be the output (the product) of this measurement (for example, a map or a spectrum)</i></p> <p>Map of the surface at the resolutions and coverage specified.</p>	<p><i>What would need to happen during the mission to accomplish the measurement objective (and therefore the science objective)</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transport the spacecraft to the asteroid Psyche: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Enter into near-circular, near-polar orbit b. Provide a 365-day stay with sufficient lighting for surface imaging 2. Provide at least four orbital altitudes (distances from the surface) at Psyche for measurements & observations. 3. Achieve observing geometry (the angle that the imager views the surface) for stereo-imaging capability for topography. 4. Provide imaging of >80% of surface topography 5. Deliver science data to science community.